

You are simply saying that one method of conducting that lottery with video or electronic equipment is not allowed. If you would accept an amendment that would make the tracks revert to the old safe method of using completely hand equipment, tickets printed, and eliminate the electronic and video equipment they are using, I would then support the bill and I think it is most reasonable. The amendment as it is simply says let's do something substantive about gambling as opposed to what you are doing. All you are doing in your amendment is turf war stuff, saying, your type of equipment is illegal. Mine...your pickle cards which cannot be regulated or controlled are legal. Rather than deal with turf wars which I don't think the Legislature should get into deciding who can make a fortune or not make a fortune, rather than do that, let's get into something substantive and the substantive amendment is to eliminate parimutuel betting.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I am not sure that my speaking order is correct. I hope nobody challenges it but I will try my best. So if you do not wish to speak on the amendment, please say so and we will pass over you. Senator Richard Peterson, did you wish to speak to the amendment or the bill?

SENATOR R. PETERSON: I call the question. Let's get on with this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. One excused. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, did you wish to close?

SENATOR DECAMP: Aw, Mr. President, I have been on the other side of freight trains, so I am not going to complain, what the hell. You really don't want to discuss this, do you? I would like to ask Senator Hoagland a question.